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AIRLINE PASSENGER TRAFFIC UP 9.1% IN SEPTEMBER

WASHINGTON, D.C., October 16, 1987 -- Airline passenger traffic rose 9.1 percent in September, and was up 12.3 percent for the first nine months of the year, the Air Transport Association reported today.

Domestic passenger traffic in September increased 4.7 percent. Available seat miles gained 4.4 percent. The passenger load factor was 56.4 percent, compared to 56.3 percent in September of 1986.

International passenger traffic of U.S. airlines in September grew 26.1 percent. Available seat miles rose 14.6 percent. The passenger load factor was 67.6 percent, up from 61.4 percent in the same month a year ago.

During the first nine months of the year, domestic traffic was up 9.5 percent. Available seat miles were up 7.1 percent, and the passenger load factor increased to 63.1 percent from 61.7 percent for the first nine months of 1986.

International traffic of the U.S. airlines from January through September grew 24.9 percent. Available seat miles were up 10.7 percent. The passenger load factor was 66.9 percent, up from 59.3 percent for the first nine months of 1986.

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PRELIMINARY PASSENGER TRAFFIC STATISTICS
U.S. SCHEDULED AIRLINE INDUSTRY

SEPTEMBER 1987 - 1986

	YEAR	SEPTEMBER			YEAR TO DATE		
		RPM'S (000)	ASM'S (000)	LOAD FACTOR (%)	RPM'S (000)	ASM'S (000)	LOAD FACTOR (%)
DOMESTIC	87	23,447,840	41,570,334	56.4	240,498,757	381,254,865	63.1
-----	86	22,402,565	39,809,398	56.3	219,610,900	356,050,693	61.7
PERCENT CHANGE		4.7	4.4		9.5	7.1	
INTERNATIONAL	87	7,258,863	10,743,423	67.6	60,209,356	89,988,928	66.9
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PERCENT CHANGE		26.1	14.6		24.9	10.7	
TOTAL	87	30,706,703	52,313,757	58.7	300,708,113	471,243,793	63.8
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PERCENT CHANGE		9.1	6.4		12.3	7.8	

CARRIERS INCLUDED: AMERICAN, CONTINENTAL, DELTA, EASTERN, NORTHWEST, PAN AM, PIEDMONT, TRANS WORLD, UNITED, USAIR, WESTERN, AIRCAL, ALASKA, ALOHA, BRANIFF, HAWAIIAN, MIDWAY, PSA, SOUTHWEST AND TRANSTAR.